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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF THE SANDINISTAS

REF: MANAGUA 3944

1.AT 10:30 AM LOCAL AUGUST 24 ABOUT 40 SANDINISTA
GUERILLAS AS WELL AS ABOUT 50 "POLITICAL PRISONERS"
DEPARTED MANAGUA AIRPORT ON A VENEZUELAN AIRE FORCE C-130
TO PANAMA AND THEN TO CARACAS, AND A COPA ELECTRA TO
MEXICO CITY. WE DO NOT KNOW AS YET WHO OR HOW MANY ARE
ON WHICH PLANE BUT GON OFFICIAL TOLD DATT THAT THE ARCHBISHOP,
THE BISHOP OF LEON, THE BISHOP OF GRANADA, THE PANAMANIAN
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AMBASSADOR, AND THE VENEZUELAN CHARGE ACCOMPANIES THESE GROUPS.

2. AS THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE BOARDING AIRCRAFT THE FSLN
LEADER DEMANDED THAT MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT MORA ACCOMPANY
THEM, BUT GON DECLINED AND MORA DID NOT LEAVE.

3. THE MODERATE DELAY IN THE DEPARTURE OF THE AIRCRAFT

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HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO DELAYS IN ARRIVAL OF THE FIVE
BUSES CARRYING THE DEPARTING PASSENGERS.

4. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ABOUT ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE LINED
NORTH HIGHWAY LEADING
TO MANAGUA AIRPORT AND CHEERED THE BUSES ON ROUTE.
SIMILAR CROWDS AROUND THE AIRPORT HAD TO BE KEPT AWAY
AT LEAST FOR A BRIEF PERIOD WITHFIRE HOSES.

5. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PRESIDENT SOMOZA
DEALT WITH THE EMBASSIES OF VENEZUELA, PANAMA AND MEXICO
HERE IN MANAGUA ANDNOT DIRECTLY WITH THE THREE CAPITALS;
ALTHOUGH MEXICO AGREED TO RECEIVE THE COPA
FLIGHT, IT HAD REFUSED TO SEND A GOM AIRCRAFT.

6.PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OTHER HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN
TAKEN FROM NATIONAL PALACE TO THE NEARBY MILITARY
CASINO FOR SUSTENANCE AND QUESTIONING AS TO THEIR
VERSIONS OF EVENTS.
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